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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003 in connection with the aboveidentified patent Application please consider the following amendments and remarks.

A Petition for an extension of time of 1 month, up to and including February 2, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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REMARKS

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